necessary with the jurors in attendance, and from them each party or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by his agent, the sheriff for him may strike off four jurors, and the remaining jurors shall act as the jury of inquest of damages.

39. The sheriff shall, before the said jury shall Ibid s. 10. proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath Oath to jurors that they will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or occupation of the property required by the said corporation.

40. The jury shall summon such witnesses as the Ibid s ii. parties may require, and examine them on oath in Jury to summon witnesses relation to the value of the property to be condemned, and they shall reduce the testimony, if any is taken by them, to writing, and after the testimony is closed, and without any unnecessary delay, and before proceeding to the examination of any other claim, they shall ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made by said corporation to the party owning or being interested in the property to be condemned.

41. The jury shall reduce their inquisition to writ- 1bid 8. 12. ing, and shall sign and seal the same, and it shall Inquisition. then be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the

by the said clerk in said court. 42. The said inquisition shall be confirmed by the Ibid 8. 13 said court, if no sufficient cause to the contrary be legislation to shown, and when confirmed shall be recorded by and recorded said clerk at the expense of the corporation.

circuit court for Allegany county, and shall be filed

- 43. If the said inquisition be set aside, the said Ibid 8.14. court may direct another inquisition in the manner If set aside, hereinafter prescribed.
- 44. Every such inquisition shall describe the prop- Ibid s 15 erty taken, and the bounds of the land condemned, assure title to and the quantity or duration of the interest in the city. same condemned for the corporation, and such valuation when paid or tendered to the owner of said property, or his attorney, shall entitle said corpora-