

STAMP DESIGN TO BE CHOSEN

State Officials Will Order Printing of Seven Million Smoke Stickers

Although several sketches for the design of the new cigaret tax stamp have been submitted to state officials, the one which has received preference and will probably be adopted is one presented by Lester K. Gottschall of the Jennings-Gottschall Engraving company. The central figure on the sketch for the new stamp is an Indian head, thought to be more appropriate for a tobacco stamp than the state seal. At the top appear the words—Cigaret Tax—and in the two lower corners the amount of the tax paid will be shown.

The two-cent stamp will be used on the ordinary package of twenty cigars or any other commodity taxable under the new law to the amount of two cents. The stamp will be pasted on the package in the same manner as the revenue stamp required by the federal government.

Bids for making the stamps will be opened Monday by J. H. Glenn, director finance, when a decision will probably be made on where the work is to be done. Some question has been raised as to whether the stamps will be engraved, as the government postage stamps, or lithographed, which is cheaper. The exponents of engraving point out the fact that it will be almost impossible to counterfeit the engraved stamps, while those on the opposite side of the argument state that the cost of lithographed stamps is about one-half the cost of engraved ones.

The department of finance and purchase and Mark Tuttle, state auditor, will decide this question. It has been estimated that the state will require about 7,100,000 stamps a year, 5,000,000 two-cent stamps, 2,000,000 one-cent stamps and 100,000 two and two-fifth-cent stamps.

Design for the new cigaret tax stamp submitted to the state auditor by Lester K. Gottschall of the Jennings-Gottschall Engraving company.



TOBACCO STAMP BIDS RECEIVED

Figures Show Lithographing Will Cost Only Half as Much as Engraving.

By adopting a policy of lithographing the cigaret stamps to be used in administering the state cigaret law passed by the last legislature, instead of having them made from a steel engraving, it is estimated that the cost of printing the stamps will be cut in two. Bids were opened yesterday by John H. Glenn, state director of finance and purchase, in the presence of Mark Tuttle, state auditor, and W. D. Sutton, state treasurer, who will have the administration of the law, for 7,100,000 stamps, which it is estimated will last about one year.

The Rocky Mountain Bank Note company, a subsidiary of the Utah Engraving company, asked \$1065 for the work. The Ogden Lithographing company asked \$1170. For steel engravings the Jennings-Gottschall company asked \$2252 and the Brewster Specialty Advertising company of Chicago asked \$2272.

Bids were for 5,000,000 stamps of the 2-cent variety, 2,000,000 of the 1-cent variety, and 100,000 which will sell at 2 1/2 cents each. This will make a total of \$122,400 worth of state property to be manufactured for the figure bid.

Other problems in connection with the administration of the new law are cropping up. For example, the stamps may be sold only to licensed dealers—that is, dealers who have obtained their licenses to sell such from counties, cities or towns. The law is effective May 8, and presumably licenses may not be issued before that date. Inasmuch as tobacconists and other dealers will be anxious to be allowed to sell cigars as soon after the law becomes effective as possible, it is thought probable that city commissions and councils and town boards of trustees will have some busy hours along about May 8, and also that there will be some rush orders on the state treasurer for purchase of stamps about the same time.