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[Illustration]

C. A. Stetson's Sons

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Description: C. K. Green wrote to George F. Shepley complaining about the interference of F.O.J. Smith, a Portland politician, and people in Boston in a business plan Green and others were attempting to initiate.

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