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This roll relates to the election of Furnas as governor in 1872 and his subsequent term of office. Items of interest during this period include letters congratulating Furnas on becoming governor and correspondence pertaining to state matters such as the imprisonment and extradition of criminals, the formation and organization of new counties, requests from settlers for permission to organize protective militias, and the establishment of immigration societies. In addition there are numerous letters pertaining to patronage sought by Republicans including appointments as registrars of land offices and public notaries. Later the context of the documents reveals Furnas's continued interest in the development of a railroad line in eastern Nebraska and his support and activity in state, national, and international groups engaged in advancing agriculture and horticulture. J. Sterling Morton, David H. Moffat, Benjamin P. Rankin, and John H. Maxon write letters to Furnas indicating support and concern with Furnas in his libel suit against the Omaha Herald.