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This roll consists of documents regarding the term of office of Governor Furnas and the private interests he pursued upon the expiration of his term. The early part of the roll relates to the administrative duties of the governor, patronage sought by fellow Republicans, legal involvements of the state, and a discussion of the grasshopper invasion of 1874-1875. Alvin Saunders, Algernon S. Paddock, Phineas W. Hitchcock, and other Nebraskans write letters to Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes and James A. Garfield recommending Furnas as Commissioner of Agriculture. Other correspondence pertains to Furnas's work as a commissioner for the Department of Interior and his active involvement in the activities of the State Board of Agriculture, the State Horticultural Society, and the development of the Furnas nursery business.