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This roll consists of the out-going correspondence of Furnas and relates to his duties as Commander of the 2nd Nebraska Volunteers, as Indian Agent for the Omaha Indians, as Governor of Nebraska, and as Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Information regarding Furnas's participation in the Civil War includes reports of troop movements and descriptions of the Indian Regiment he commanded. Letters concerning his position as Indian Agent pertain to his administrative duties such as the acquisition of supplies for the reservation. Correspondence relating to his term as Governor involves the administration of aid to settlers impoverished by the drought and grasshoppers in the early 1870's, the procurement of arms for the protection of settlers, the redemption of public lands and various legal and financial problems which confronted the state. A number of letters concern his interest and promotion of Nebraska agriculture including his administration of the Nebraska State Fair.