

Views Matanuska As 'Political Joke'

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 14.—(P)—
The Matanuska valley government colony in Alaska was described by Fred K. Ordway of Juneau, known as "Alaska's flying photographer," as a "pretty good political joke."

"We in Alaska regard it (the Matanuska valley colony) as a pretty good political joke," Ordway said here today. "It's all very well to boast of oversized vegetables grown in short seasons, but when these specialties are balanced by mosquitos that fight and sing like bees and arrived in swarms, it is evident before success can come that plague at least must be abolished."

"Men have gone into the Matanuska valley region before—men who know about farming in the North. They have had capital amounting sometimes to \$10,000 and they have come out after a couple of years broke and despairing."

He added that if the immigrants sent into the territory by the federal government last summer to carve homes out of the wilderness run out of fresh meat "they always can kill the mosquitos."