

There is no denying the fact that the educational interest of Arizona is more than abreast with all of our material interests, and will make a better showing (taking our population and assessed wealth as a basis) than any of the older states. There is no denying the fact that Arizona pays a larger per centage of its wealth for educational purposes than any state in the union. Our public school system is up to the highest standard. The Normal school is enjoying a high degree of prosperity, and the territorial university, the buildings of which are being constructed, will prove of all other institutions to be the pride of Arizona. The Flagstaff Champion, speaking of it, says:

The University, located on a forty acre tract near Tucson, is as yet in a state of preparation. Of the five buildings projected, the first is nearly completed and will open in a few months as a school of mines and agriculture. The regents of the school, with much wisdom, have determined that to establish a "university" in the full meaning of the word, was too expensive an undertaking for the territory at present. So, rather than maintain simply an academy under a pretentious title, they have concluded to expend the funds at their command in the maintenance of a School of Mines of the highest order. Mining is yet the most important industry in Arizona, and the institution of a school for its study from a scientific standpoint would seem to be a measure deserving commendation. It is the intention of the regents and professors to keep the school open for all, to welcome the student who seeks to become familiar with simply the assaying of gold or silver as cordially as him who comes to pursue the study of mineralogy and metallurgy to its profoundest depths. Nowhere in the world are the mineral formations similar to those of Arizona, and the researches of this college will be in a field that is new and

novel to the geologist. No land under the sun is richer in mineral wealth, and under able guidance the School of Mines may make of Tucson the Freiberg of America.

Of the agricultural department of the University much has already been said. As is well known it is supported by government appropriation, and has for its main employment experimental work in the vegetable kingdom, with the plants deemed available for growth under the climatic conditions of this territory. Experimental stations have been established at different points in the territory by Professor Gulley, the able and energetic Superintendent, and results of value may be confidently expected.