Came to S. D. 1888 - In 1890, while surveying the old Carrion ranch, he reported that there was a poor showing for a water line there, but a first-class site for a reservoir. He later turned in to the County Flood Control officials, the first dates on the great Puddingstone Dam.

The first development of irrigation was was right here, in and about San Dimas; the first flowing wells were here; the first water tunnels; the first pumped wells,; the first delineation of a major reservoir. For years there was no field of underground water production to equal the S.D.Wash. Mr. Mount declares that the things that were learned and the problems that were worked out in the effort to obtain water for S.D., cover most of the field of water production and were first learned here. And he ought to know, for he was in it all from the beginning.