

Charles R. Few, an active and successful businessman of Monterey, is a native of London, England, where he was born August 4, 1853. He spent his boyhood and youth in the metropolis of the world, and there received a liberal education. Mr. Few left his native city in 1884, for America, landing in New York city, after a safe voyage, whence he proceeded to California, reaching San Francisco in December of the same year. He came to Monterey, intending to adopt the dairy business as a calling. In order to become familiar with the business he engaged on a dairy farm in the Carmel valley, but after three years on this farm changed his intention and engaged in the livery business, with Charles Norton as partner. This business they continued in Monterey from 1888 to 1889, when Mr. Few purchased his partners interest and has since been the sole owner of the Club stables.

He was married April 17, 1888, to Miss Agatha M. Hilby, a native daughter of California and second child of Francis M. (deceased) and Katherine (Kissler) Hilby. Mrs. Few is possessed of many feminine graces, takes a lively interest in society matters and presides over one of the finest private residences in Monterey county.

No citizen has more liberally invested his capital in local enterprises and more thoroughly identified himself with the business growth of his chosen home than Charles R. Few. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Monterey and the California State Savings Bank, is stockholder, director and secretary of the Monterey Electric Light and

Development Company. He is a director and secretary of the Pacific Coast Live-stock Association, and director and secretary of the Monterey Board of Trade.

This gentleman is genial and gentlemanly in his manner, social in his daily intercourse with his fellow-citizens. He has an inherent love of sport of all kinds and is consequently popular with the masses, which, combined with his hard business sense, in a large measure unfolds the secret of his success.

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