Rand School Getting Ready for New Home: People’s House Will Soon Be Finished — Plans for Restaurant Are Pushed

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Fifteenth Street and 19th Street are hurriedly getting ready for moving day.

Seven East 15th Street is getting ready to welcome 140 East 19th Street.

Visitors to the new 15th Street home of the Rand School who happen to walk on the same afternoon over to the present building understand the eagerness of managers, teachers, and pupils to take possession of the new headquarters.

But the Rand School is not the only organization impatient to hear the welcoming word, “Ready!”

The People’s House is to provide rooms for the State Headquarters of the Socialist Party, the headquarters of Local New York, the Woman’s Trade Union League, and a number of other labor and radical organizations. The building is being remodeled to accommodate these various tenants, and now that the ownership of the building by the people’s representatives is an assured fact, the alterations are being pushed with as much speed as is consistent with careful and solid workmanship.

Kobbe To Be Secretary.

Herman Kobbe is in charge of the remodeling and is to be the executive secretary and manager of the building.

Auditorium, restaurant, library, offices, classrooms, gymnasium, committee rooms, are being specially prepared for the activities of the new tenants of this People’s House.
Plans for the restaurant are of special interest to progressively minded persons whose work brings them within lunching or dining distance of the building. This restaurant is to be the first commercial activity of the People’s House Cooperative Society, a live-wire organization which has already enrolled 175 members.

Any person is eligible to membership in this society who will subscribe to its purposes and pay the membership fee of $5.

The purposes, as set forth in its constitution, are “to foster the social and educational development of its members; to encourage and support educational work in Socialism and cooperation; and to aid in the peaceful establishment of a democratic cooperative industrial system.”

More Activities Planned.

The society is affiliated with the Cooperative League of America, and when its restaurant at the People’s House sets into full swing will branch out into other activities.

All net profits from the restaurant are to be given for the educational propaganda mentioned in the constitution. Members who eat at the society’s restaurant pay full prices for their meals, but are credited with the amount of their purchases, and from time to time will receive “purchase dividends,” returning in cash the profits on the amount they have spent.

In this way it is an actual saving for those who plan to patronized the dining room of the People’s House to become members of the cooperative society, so that they may receive their food at cost.

Regular Rand School classes will begin about November 1, with all facilities for teaching, dining, exercising, and otherwise accommodating the pupils in apple pie order.