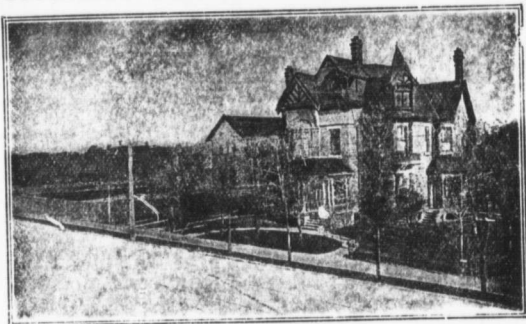


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The covered prairie waggon pressing westward to-

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