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Temperature ranges! Our greatest annual temperature range in this country is about 60 degrees, and is found in the northern part between the Rockies and the Great Lakes. By "annual range" is meant the difference between the average temperatures of the coldest and warmest months. A large range in temperature is the one great characteristic of a continental climate, of which the region just mentioned furnishes a classical example. Smaller ranges occur east and south of this region. They are still quite large and decrease to the south due to latitude and the Gulf of Mexico. West of the Sierras to the Pacific Ocean the ranges are quite small, indicative of a marine climate due to the influence of the Pacific Ocean.
