

Horace Percy Thelan

Horace Thelan homesteaded his place along the old Midland Trail. It was two miles north of Little Lake, and one and one-half miles south of the prominent red cinder cone landmark. He called the place Coso Junction. He built a small store, gasoline station, and following the lead of others in the valley, a pack station. In 1925, a post office was established with Horace as Postmaster. He was the only one to serve as Postmaster at this location.

The course of the Midland Trail was changed in 1929 bring the road from Little Lake in almost a direct route north. Tourist trade, a very important factor to his trade, slowed down, and in 1930 resigned as Postmaster transferring all postal activity to Little Lake. Horace continued to make Coso Junction his home until 1940 when, after an extended illness, he passed away at the Lone Pine Hospital at 96 years of age.