FREDS INC Form 8-K December 13, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2018 (December 13, 2018)

FRED'S, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee62-0634010(State or Other Jurisdiction(I.R.S. Employerof Incorporation)Identification No.)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118

(Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financing accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On December 13, 2018, Fred's, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended November 3, 2018. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any previous or future filings by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Fred's, Inc., dated December 13, 2018.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRED'S, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 13, 2018

By: /s/ Joseph M. Anto

Name: Joseph M. Anto Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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