

Gannett Co., Inc.
Form S-8
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GANNETT CO., INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

47-2390983
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22107-0910
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

GANNETT CO., INC. 2015 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN

(Full title of the Plan)

Barbara W. Wall

Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

GANNETT CO., INC.

7950 Jones Branch Drive

McLean, Virginia 22107

(Name and address of agent for service)

(703) 854-6000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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 financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered (1) | Proposed maximum offering price per share (2) | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (3) | Amount of registration fee (3) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 11,000,000 | \$8.28 | \$91,080,000 | \$10,557 |
| Interests in the Gannett Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (4) | | | | |

Represents additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”), of Gannett Co., Inc. (the “Company”) that may be offered or issued under the Gannett Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Plan”). Pursuant (1) to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement also covers an additional indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock that may be offered or issued under the Plan by reason of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Represents the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock as reported on The New York Stock Exchange on September 25, 2017.

(3) Computed in accordance with Rule 457(h) and (c) under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of (4) plan interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Gannett Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. No registration fee is payable with respect to such interests, in accordance with Rule 457(h)(2).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Company is filing this registration statement on Form S-8 to register an additional 11,000,000 shares of Common Stock for issuance pursuant to the employer stock fund under the Plan. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the earlier registration statement on Form S-8 related to the Plan filed on June 29, 2015 (File No. 333-205322) are incorporated herein by reference except to the extent supplemented, amended or superseded by the information set forth herein.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which the Company previously filed with the Commission, are incorporated into this registration statement by reference:

- (1) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2016;
- (2) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 26, 2017 and June 25, 2017;
- (3) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 24, 2017, May 11, 2017, June 6, 2017 and July 5, 2017; and
- (4) The description of the Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 10, as amended (File No. 001-36874).

In addition, all reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment indicating that all securities offered hereby have been sold or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in

any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The Company herewith files or incorporates by reference the exhibits identified below. In accordance with the terms of Item 8(a) of Form S-8, no opinion of counsel as to the legality of the securities has been provided because the shares of Common Stock to be issued pursuant to the Plan will be issued from the Company's treasury or purchased in the open market.

**Exhibit
No. Exhibit**

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3-1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 26, 2016).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3-1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed by the Company with the SEC on February 24, 2016).
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page hereto).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of McLean, Commonwealth of Virginia on September 28, 2017.

GANNETT CO., INC.

By: /s/ Barbara W. Wall
Barbara W. Wall
Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Robert J. Dickey, Alison K. Engel and Barbara W. Wall, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their, his or her substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on September 28, 2017.

| Signature | Title |
|--|---|
| /s/ Robert J. Dickey Robert J. Dickey | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) |
| /s/ Alison K. Engel Alison K. Engel | Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer) |

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/s/ Lori C. Locke Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
Lori C. Locke

/s/ John Jeffrey Louis Director, Chairman
John Jeffrey Louis

/s/ Matthew W. Barzun Director
Matthew W. Barzun

/s/ John E. Cody Director
John E. Cody

/s/ Stephen W. Coll Director
Stephen W. Coll

/s/ Donald E. Felsing Director
Donald E. Felsing

| Signature | Title |
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| /s/ Lila Ibrahim Lila Ibrahim | Director |
| /s/ Lawrence S. Kramer Lawrence S. Kramer | Director |
| /s/ Tony A. Prophet Tony A. Prophet | Director |
| /s/ Debra A. Sandler Debra A. Sandler | Director |
| /s/ Chloe R. Sladden Chloe R. Sladden | Director |

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