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**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): **January 9, 2015**

**First Busey Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-15950**  
(Commission File Number)

**37-1078406**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 W. University Ave.**  
**Champaign, Illinois 61820**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(217) 365-4544**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 9, 2015, First Busey Corporation, a Nevada corporation ("First Busey"), issued a press release announcing the consummation, effective January 8, 2015, of First Busey's previously announced acquisition of Herget Financial Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Herget Financial"), and its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, Herget Bank, National Association, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated September 25, 2014, by and among First Busey, FBC Acquisition LLC, a newly-formed Nevada limited liability corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey, and Herget Financial.

A copy of the press release announcing the completion of the transaction is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release, dated January 9, 2015

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## 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.

Date: January 9, 2015

**FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Robin N. Elliott  
Name: Robin N. Elliott  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 9, 2015

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## **First Busey Corporation Announces the Acquisition of Herget Financial Corp. and Herget Bank, National Association**

**Champaign, IL** – First Busey Corporation ("Busey") (NASDAQ: BUSE), the holding company for Busey Bank, today announced the completion of its previously announced acquisition of Herget Financial Corp. ("Herget Financial"), the holding company for Herget Bank, National Association ("Herget"). Under the terms of the definitive agreement, First Busey acquired 100% of Herget Financial's outstanding common stock for aggregate cash consideration of \$34.1 million. Busey will operate Herget as a separate banking subsidiary of Busey until it is merged with Busey Bank, which is expected to occur in the late first quarter of 2015.

Herget Financial, which is located in the Peoria-Pekin MSA, had total assets of approximately \$279 million as of December 31, 2014.

Sheshunoff & Co Investment Banking, L.P. acted as financial advisor to Herget Financial with respect to the transaction and Hunton & Williams LLP acted as Herget Financial's legal counsel. Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP acted as Busey's legal counsel.

### **Busey Corporate Profile**

First Busey Corporation (Nasdaq:BUSE) is a \$3.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, is also headquartered in Champaign, Illinois and has twenty-eight banking centers serving Illinois, a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana, and seven banking centers serving southwest Florida. Trevett Capital Partners, a wealth management division of Busey Bank, provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to high net worth clients in southwest Florida. The wealth management professionals of Trevett Capital Partners can be reached through [trevettcapitalpartners.com](http://trevettcapitalpartners.com). Busey Bank had total assets of \$3.5 billion as of September 30, 2014.

In addition, First Busey Corporation owns a retail payment processing subsidiary, FirsTech, Inc., through Busey Bank, which processes over 22 million transactions per year using online bill payment, lockbox processing and walk-in payments at its 3,000 agent locations in 36 states. More information about FirsTech, Inc. can be found at [firsttechinc.com](http://firsttechinc.com).

Busey Wealth Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey Corporation. Through Busey Trust Company, Busey Wealth Management provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to individuals, businesses and foundations. As of September 30, 2014, Busey Wealth Management's assets under care were approximately \$5.0 billion.

For more information about Busey, visit [www.busey.com](http://www.busey.com)

### **Special Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

This document may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of Busey. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of Busey's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and Busey undertakes no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events. A number of factors, many of which are beyond the ability of Busey to control or predict, could cause actual results to differ materially from those in its forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the following: (i) the strength of the local and national economy; (ii) changes in state and federal laws, regulations and governmental policies concerning Busey's general business (including the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the extensive regulations to be promulgated thereunder, as well as the rules adopted by the federal bank regulatory agencies to implement Basel III); (iii) changes in interest rates and prepayment rates of Busey's assets; (iv) increased competition in the financial services sector and the inability to attract new customers; (v) changes in technology and the ability to develop and maintain secure and reliable electronic systems; (vi) the integration of acquired entities, including Herget Financial; (vii) the loss of key executives or employees; (viii) changes in consumer spending; (ix) unexpected results of acquisitions; (x) unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving Busey; (xi) the economic impact of any future terrorist threats or attacks; (xii) the economic impact of exceptional weather occurrences such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and blizzards; and (xiii) changes in accounting policies and practices. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning Busey and its business, including additional factors that could materially affect Busey's financial results, is included in Busey's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.