

December 2017 Slot 1 by Fortuna 48

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Across

- 8 Old city guy in a hurry (6)
- 9 Searching around a ghostly visitation (8)
- 10 So in vain! Illegal encroachment. (8)
- 11 Biscuit tracer (6)
- 12 Blackbird follows vehicle on merry-go-round (8)
- 13 Brown coal not left to start fire (6)
- 14 Awkward lies following promise to worship (7)
- 17 United Nations mortal is eternal (7)
- 20 How Wednesday's Child may be described? (6)
- 22 *Rebellious rodent didn't finish eating uranium can (8)
- 25 Abundance (6)
- 26 Critical interpretation of Biblical text (8)
- 27 Throbs (8)
- 28 Seize a piece of harness (6)

Down

- 1 Sot (8)
- 2 Set at zero to make frozen treat (6)
- 3 The science of morals (6)
- 4 Cut a tile? (7)
- 5 Join something that may be extreme, after first of January (8)
- 6 American solicitor (8)
- 7 Apply oil for most of 5 (6)
- 15 Lacking animation (8)
- 16 A salt of sulphuric acid (8)
- 18 Relating to navigation (8)
- 19 To engage deeply (7)
- 21 Make available for settlement (4,2)
- 23 For that reason (6)
- 24 An obelisk (6)