

**ACROSS**

- 1 Scrap of small sheet covering painting (8)
- 5 Cry about getting trapped in fraud (6)
- 9 Precise account backed by clergyman (8)
- 10 Good bananas, pears and other fruit (6)
- 11 South-east in SA country, daughter sculpted (8)
- 12 Views travel documents to go round capital of Turkey (6)
- 14 Deceptive male is in charge (10)
- 18 Bird in good pie, now cooked (4,6)
- 22 Boozer concealing state in outskirts of town (6)
- 23 Religious man from China organised catching westbound vessel (8)
- 24 Recluse from east Rome oddly hid in box (6)
- 25 Before hour, the riot dispersed (8)
- 26 Required new head of entertainment and two journalists (6)
- 27 Joke received by colonel in error (3-5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Opinion those favouring independence raised with church (6)
- 2 Plant having rich liquid in interior of pods (6)
- 3 Royal upset about king being grander (6)
- 4 Picked up silver article and jewellery, making collections (10)
- 6 Alec disheartened about competitor holding northern fiesta (8)
- 7 Chap with time to adapt becomes compassionate (8)
- 8 Note wise man arresting American for maltreatment (8)
- 13 Share a large site (10)

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- 15 Start cons with criminal (6,2)
- 16 Join knight in shelter, say, to the north (8)
- 17 Value a very quiet lift (8)
- 19 Measure vehicle height well, but not sides (6)
- 20 Woman's mostly forceful with child around (6)
- 21 Popular soldiers hosting party within building (6)