

ACROSS

- 8 Main goal to produce shrub (8)
 9 One predicting nothing, clear fraud (6)
 10 Knock the party (4)
 11 Aristocracy place spurs awkwardly (5,5)
 12 Contemplated second ride nervously (10)
 14 It's a mixed drink (4)
 15 Holds up picnic baskets (7)
 16 Book substitute (7)
 20 Mark small vehicle (4)
 22 Ten priests wavering but constant (10)
 23 Threaten close friend I'd taken in (10)
 24 Association left young animal outside (4)
 25 Convict with duck on pool (6)
 26 Try gel, it could be sparkly (8)

DOWN

- 1 Accountant's a star lover! (8)
 2 Edge forward injuring chin (4)
 3 Fish trainee put in sink (8)
 4 Bond offered drink after hit (7)
 5 Some abhor riding – it's unpleasant (6)
 6 Mother, perhaps, protects boy in legislative buildings (10)
 7 Cupboard near top of tower (6)
 13 Terrific face-saver for person in charge (10)
 17 Spread of disease caused by mutant pied mice (8)
 18 Vehicle security man is at the front (8)
 19 Plan for artist to go back over mountain chain (7)
 21 Twice able to dance (6)
 22 Easily influenced one in factory (6)
 24 Snub egghead, that's shrewd (4)

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