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Across

- 1 Spoken in derogatory terms (9)
- 6 Find the underlying sentiment in a heartbeat (5)
- 9 Look at Virginia's warm desires — it displays her affections and tenderness (5)
- 10 Run amok in high spirits, but that is not the point (9)
- 11 Not allowing for offers being made (10)
- 12 Sure, he turns it to some purpose (4)
- 14 A disdainful laugh by the Southerner at the black (7)
- 15 Sleep inducing role for Chopin, by George! (7)
- 17 Quick sums we hear, were gathered for payment of captured person (7)
- 19 Resorted to blind writing as supporter was given bad direction (7)
- 20 Made a lodging out of almost all quarters on the junction (4)
- 22 Utterly boring, yearned to turn in (4,6)
- 25 It was an obligation to bail back, at Illinois, Italian youth (9)
- 26 To promote a cause, brings encouragement (5)
- 27 Seek around for righteousness that gives off offensive odour (5)
- 28 Affections of grief and unhappiness seen all round (9)

Down

- 1 He takes a young animal around part of a US state (5)

- 2 & 21 A country still on the gold standard, apparently? (9,5)
- 3 The seat of government was nothing out of the ordinary (10)
- 4 A shot fired with hesitation at the wastrel (7)
- 5 Suddenly jumps up at the betting calls (7)
- 6 Quietly, everybody loses interest (4)
- 7 All over America this flower may be seen (5)
- 8 Quality best in the long run (9)
- 13 Never satisfied with banalities at a resort (10)
- 14 A foreigner with money — a killer (9)
- 16 In a composition, some have a loud and pleasing chanting (9)
- 18 Tales of building flats (7)
- 19 Source of fear for Ted having shot one over par (7)
- 23 Time does go about to make one lavish excessive affections (5)
- 24 Fails to make contact with her (4)

Solution to puzzle 7557

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