ACROSS
1 Drunk backing change – culminating point (4,4)
5 Noticed wings of emus of multiple colours (6)
10 Give account of origins of normal and realistic price (7)
11 A card he's playing that's absurd (7)
12 Manage to avoid publicity inspired by Biblical lady (5)
13 Writer serene, not animated (9)
14 Nice miss using successful wine imported (12)
18 Amorous fondling clapping fasteners? All one needs to get on board! (5,7)
21 Pay back unfortunate slumberer I left out (9)
23 Perfume dispatched, picked up (5)
24 Crazy to reverse during new road building (7)
25 Fuss after article opposing firm withdrawing fruit (7)
26 School period finishes early after local exchange (6)
27 Referring to mask, the French sounding alarm? (8)

DOWN
1 When leylandii are severely trimmed, riverside town is visible (6)
2 Language from harassed manager, having lost heart? (6)
3 Mounting some horse, maned, artist used for brand (5,4)
4 Less rash reader is prepared for full-scale practice (5,9)
6 Quarrel over eastern flood (5)
7 Nothing odd in fiesta, supported by inventor, a girl (8)
8 More boring daughter at stern? That is right (8)
9 Kitchen coinage unexpectedly good? (5,2,3,4)
15 Rock succeeded with singular quality (9)
16 Dispute over European joke featuring cut of pork? (5,3)
17 Receptacle is blocking run (8)
19 Happen to booze every Friday after labourers leave (just starting!) (6)
20 Note, very big, in Old English serving no purpose (6)
22 Wine store linked with, say, rising over-indulgence (5)

Solution 15,959

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