Puzzle No. 3250

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ACROSS

1 and 28 Taking priority can be a way to do things in woods, behind a conifer-covered area (5,3,8)
5 Head of Republic and leader of Congress bombed areas (6)
10 Composer’s snarl (5)
11 and 25 Totally overheard: conversation concerning smoked fish and mineral (4,5,3,6)
12 Vehicles! (7)
13 Rackets incorporating pig rejects (7)
14 Levities gone bad, beginning with tube (10,3)
18 To form pairs outside, take in some herb or condiment (6,7)
22 Gull-like bird swallowed by marine mammal, without start and without end (7)
23 Treacherous deceit leading to a drink (4,3)
25 See 11
26 Can giraffe’s sides touch? (5)

27 Gone crazy about male chromosomes, a requisite for human life (6)
28 See 1

DOWN

1 Cry “Fie!” to unnatural savagery (8)
2 Engineer loses face in Ohio or Missouri (5)
3 City promoted the sixth manservant (3,4)
4 Many longshoremen hiding material for stockings (5)
6 Idiot omitting “Losses” from lists of sports statistics (7)
7 Bit of fabric enveloping first-rate timepiece (9)
8 Jaunty, like a croupier’s tool? (6)
9 Some music I’d invested in: hogwash (4,4)
15 Treat lady badly, like some saints? (6-3)
16 Colonists dispersed 20s (8)
17 Like some heirs—bringing up father and mother, perhaps (8)
19 Require a bromantic tête-à-tête? (7)
20 Support newsletter (7)
21 Leo covers a piece in a smooth musical style (6)
23 Lurking in Leipzig, looting a house—that’s cold (5)
24 Dance beat with energy (5)

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