Everyman crossword No. 3779

Across
1 Best-laid plans (that is, what's expected to succeed) (2,4,3,3)
10 Former European politician talks emptily, making excuses (7)
11 Time out before study in space age unit (3,4)
12 King rode off before giving command (5)
13 Was familiar with where to buy cold meats: they say, in a big city (3,5)
15 Lecturer with big book about gravy boat culture finally finds desired piece of terminology (2,3,5)
16 What an employer does is manipulates (4)
18 Care of company address for Chanel (4)
20 Outfit with attempt to convey 'pizazz' (3–2–3–2)
22 Dramatic drop in bill at seedy bar (4,4)
24 Conservative pursues cut back, at first taking on the money (5)
26 They might spell trouble, 200 wains (7)
27 Sporting achievement in show (4,3)
28 Shh! The man I saw crawling around – you know... thingummy... (5–3–4)

Down
2 Release, from loud wind instrument, a contemplative sound (7)
3 Exemption from prosecution right for nuclear pollution (8)
4 Comfort to be found in tea set (4)
5 Half of lectures skipped after negative feedback's beginning: university student's remiss (10)
6 Languidly moved bike (5)

7 Largely unnecessary heckles (7)
8 Gather up old lamps to collect mint in long-running TV show (3,6,4)
9 Novel, starting point for film (13)
14 Oversees 'Pies Versus Stew' (10)
17 Salem’s gone berserk: an Arthur Miller play's subject (8)
19 Wimbledon champ, bully, gets easy money (4,3)
21 Taj Mahal's setting captured in simple drawing (7)
23 Naiad, fabulous goddess (5)
25 Said what you might find on collar of Siamese (4)

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