CROSSWORD
No 17,519 Set by SLORMGORM

ACROSS
1  A small row after noon is more unpleasant (7)
5  State to arrest king? I don't believe it! (6)
8  Matter primarily used in plant to make an element (9)
9  Blunt lover describes foremost of letdowns (5)
11  Vacuous politician toys with cuts regularly (5)
12  Energy in sex helping repeated performance (9)
13  What can decide court battles in match around Kent (4,4)
15  It enables chap to get up though 50% of grates (6)
17  Hip Antifa leader brought under suspicion (6)
19  Do nothing in government about a failing Britain ultimately (8)
22  One might take issue if head chases child (9)
23  See German film about heads of the IMF (3,2)
24  Some stoners or goths will score grass (5)
25  Drill mate sorted out for gym equipment (9)
26  Voucher in court bitten by racoon in America (6)
27  When to probe new friend in a nosey way? (7)

DOWN
1  So-so description of low-seismic activity? (2,5,6)
2  Bands get naked with soprano taking ecstasy (7)
3  I figure on leaving one Latin country (5)
4  Retsina I sent flying gets you most wet (8)
5  Song 2? (6)
6  Erring ABC somehow preparing to have another hit? (9)
7  A brooding comic (7)
10  Flatly mundane rubbish essentially (13)
14  Delighted to pawn a cage for Spooner? (4-1-4)
16  Ship's doctor catching last of lancet fish (8)
18  Endure a Parisian leftist turning on Beat It (7)
20  Books into a hotel by seedy soldiers' home? (7)
21  Cuddle when model visits is exactly what's needed (4,2)
23  Indian thrones seen in building a disappointment (5)

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