

Solution to Puzzle #173 – October, 2015 "Steerage"

L	A	P	I	N	G	T	E	R	M	B
O	U	R	N	E	A	R	L	A	B	O
R	B	*	E	R	B	A	L	I	D	A
I	L	Y	V	O	I	L	E	N	U	R
S	E	C	O	O	L	B	R	A	N	D
S	O	A	K	M	*	I	E	S	C	R
E	W	D	E	B	I	T	V	A	D	E
P	E	G	F	E	S	T	E	C	R	A
P	V	E	E	R	P	E	R	*	I	D
E	E	M	R	G	E	N	T	C	L	U
B	R	A	N	A	C	K	B	O	L	L

The compacted letters **OX** [in square brackets in the list below] are represented by an asterisk * in the grid above. The omitted letters (in parentheses below) spell **WHERE'S THE BEEF**.

Across

1. LAP(W)ING
2. TERM
3. BOURN
4. EARL
5. AB(H)OR
6. B[OX]ER
7. BALI
8. DAILY
9. VOILE
10. NURSE
11. COOL
12. BRAND
13. SOAK
14. M[OX]IE
15. SCREW
16. DEBIT
17. (E)VADE
18. PEG
19. FESTE(R)
20. CRAP
21. VEER
22. PER[OX]IDE
23. EM(E)RGENT
24. CLUB
25. RAN(S)ACK
26. BOLL

Down

1. LORIS
2. S(T)EPPE
3. BAUBLE
4. (H)OWEVER
5. PR[OX]Y
6. CADGE
7. MAIN(E)
8. EVOKE
9. FERN
10. NERO
11. (B)OMBER
12. GAGA
13. BIL[OX]I
14. SPECTRAL
15. BITTEN
16. KELLER
17. EVERT
18. BRAIN
19. AS(E)A
20. C[OX]COMB
21. DUNC(E)
22. DRILL
23. BOAR
24. DREAD(F)UL

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.