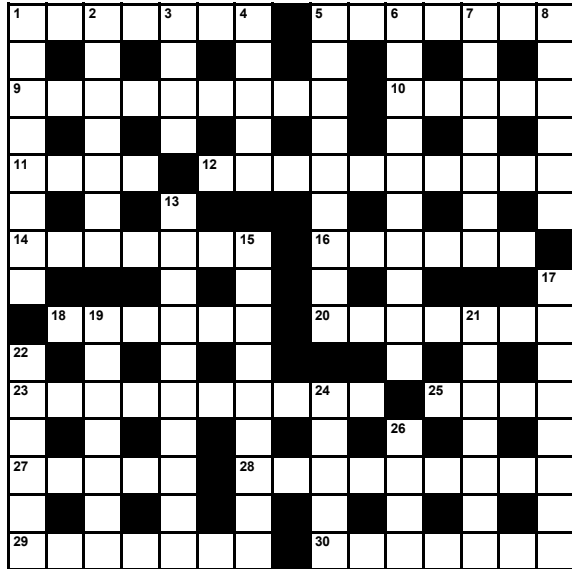


The Losers by Imlache

The losers all failed to get elected President, sometimes more than once. Nearly all of them are dead.



Across

- 1** Man welcomes working with divorced loser (7)
5 Show note about American state (7)
9 War god let off loser (9)
10 Loser's railway overwhelmed by Prohibition (5)
11 Femme fatale has morning in Biden's company? (4)
12 Grandma's back on top, holding back popular city (3,7)
14 Shares addresses dropping round (7)
16 Mercury rotates in different colors for loser (6)
18 Socialist story about excellent feet (6)
20 Mexican agreement with Nebraska to end at an unspecified time in the future (4,3)
23 New family member almost gets into nice mess with passionate advocacy (10)
25 Runner quietly to miss out (4)
27 In 24 hours, sheep replaces a loser (5)
28 Leather winds around family (9)
29 DK election guru seen in midday sort of shirt (7)
30 Unmissable elephant ruts by empty estate (4-3)

Down

- 1** Loser's commanding general finished in area round Duluth (8)
2 Without restriction, back victim I long-sightedly protect (2,5)

- 3** Electronics company stripping tail away (4)
4 More old pictures put up (5)
5 Group of Mexicans is following demonstration all round Iowa (9)
6 Criminal gang's boat I am drilling holes in? (10)
7 Leaders of Kurdish Nationalists reportedly in South American capital (7)
8 What helipad is to loser (6)
13 Fortune-teller, for example, needing something calming around (10)
15 Loser has 50% chance in Little Rock (9)
17 Flower opens out and starts to show extreme reaction (8)
19 Devious ways to stop a German's runaway victory (4,3)
21 Loser lives below odd characters from drunk tank (7)
22 Spanish mark Nationalist as loser (6)
24 Blacken medieval talisman (5)
26 Loser turns up second place to sleep (4)