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| **Across**  **1.**  was a confederation of secessionist American states existing from 1861 to 1865  **6.** a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance  **7.** a soft white fibrous substance that surrounds the seeds of a tropical and subtropical plant and is used as textile fiber and thread for sewing  **8.** passed by the United States Congress on September 18, 1850, as part of the Compromise of 1850 between Southern slave-holding interests and Northern Free-Soilers.  **11.** an effort by Congress to defuse the sectional and political rivalries triggered by the request of Missouri late in 1819 for admission as a state in which slavery would be permitted  **14.** an American abolitionist who believed armed insurrection was the only way to overthrow the institution of slavery in the United States  **15.** a person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or ruler  **16.**  the production of goods or services within an economy  **20.** was an American politician who was at U.S. Representative and Senator from Mississippi  **22.**  a Northerner who moved to the South after the American Civil War  **26.** a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court held that African Americans, whether enslaved or free, could not be American citizens  **27.** the action of annexing something, especially territory  **28.** an act or means of sealing off a place to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving.  **29.** the act of buying and selling slaves to work on farms for white people at this time  **30.** 16th president | **Down**  **2.** a sea fort in Charleston, South Carolina, notable for two battles of the American Civil War  **3.** a network of secret routes and safe houses used by 19th-century enslaved people of African descent in the United States in efforts to escape to free states and Canada  **4.** where the slaves worked, big farm  **5.** a person who favors the abolition of a practice or institution, especially capital punishment or (formerly) slavery  **9.** a historic town in Jefferson County, West Virginia,  **10.** survival of the Union or independence for the Confederacy  **12.** the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; liberation  **13.** northern states  **17.** an inhabitant of New England or one of the northern states  **18.** a former slave who has been released from slavery  **19.** murder (an important person) in a surprise attack for political or religious reasons  **21.** a state of the US in which slavery was illegal  **23.** withdraw formally from membership in a federal union, an alliance, or a political or religious organization  **24.** a person who supervises others, especially workers  **25.** a person who behaves badly but in an amusingly mischievous rather than harmful way; a rascal |