Polymath 901 Set by Aardvark

**ACROSS**
1. John, publisher of *The New Peerage* in 1769 (7)
5. Mercenary knight or soldier in medieval Europe (9)
10. River in south-east France (3)
11. Region of north central Italy (6-7)
12. Impatience under affliction, morbid restlessness (9)
13. Mexican state known as “the land of the scorpions” (7)
15. Folk singer born James Henry Miller in 1915 (4,7)
17. Sloping mass of loose weathered rock (5)
18. Small bivalve mollusc with a boat-shaped shell (5,3)
20. In formal usage, richly melodic, resonant (8)
23. Athenian lawgiver, one of the Seven Sages (5)
24. Plant of the aster family, some commonly named St Paul’s wort (11)
26. Affluent area of London (7)
27. Bronchodilator used for lung conditions (9)
29. Chef and restaurateur who wrote *Cuisine Naturelle* (5,8)
31. Monetary unit of Macau (3)
32. Work overalls originally made of coarse Indian calico (9)
33. Body of water spanning Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (4,3)

**DOWN**
1. Director of the film *Brief Encounter* (5,4)
2. Wine-producing region in South Australia (7,6)
3. Worcestershire town on the river Avon (7)
4. German city whose university was founded in 1473 (5)
5. 100-1 winner of the 1967 Grand National (8)
6. International currency used to finance trade (11)
7. Italian sparkling red or white wine (9)
8. Wood inserted in a wall to receive nails (3)
9. Argument by inductive reasoning (7)
14. Area of waterways in East Anglia (7,6)
16. Castle near Newport, Isle of Wight (11)
19. Comanche chief who resisted Anglo settlement in Texas (5,4)
21. Polished plasterwork imitating marble, granite, etc (9)
22. Bishop of Antioch martyred under Emperor Trajan (8)
23. Electronic chip that stores data in mobile phones (3,4)
25. Country whose capital city is Tallinn (7)
28. Costa -----, region of north-east Spain (5)
30. Old measure equal to 216 gallons of ale (3)

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