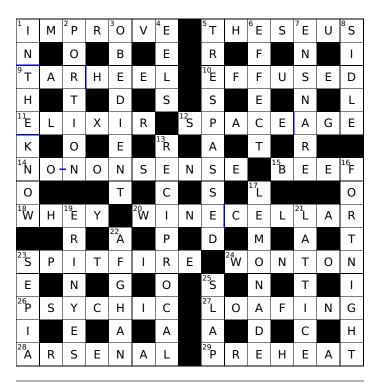
Loplop Cryptic #015 [15x]

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Across

- 1 Pick up and wander after little rapscallion (7)

 IMPROVE. IMP + ROVE
- 5 <u>Legendary hero</u> of these United States (7) THESEUS.
- 9 North Carolinian leatherworking? (3,4) TAR HEEL. (LEATHER)*
- 10 <u>Gushed</u> very loudly (hardly new!) after the finale (7) **EFFUSED**. E + FF + USED
- 11 Around 59, senior regularly gets <u>medicinal brew</u>
 (6) ELIXIR. LIX inserted in sEnIoR
- 12 Picking up pace is wise for <u>our time?</u> (5,3) **SPACE AGE.** S(PACE) AGE
- 14 Sculpt nose as much as you need <u>nothing fancy</u> (2-8) NO-NONSENSE. NOSE letter bank
- 15 Bachelor sending back fine <u>sirloin</u>, say (4) BEEF. B
- 18 <u>Dairy product</u> from that guy in Wyoming (4) whey. W(HE)Y
- 20 Carp vendor in discussions for <u>a climate</u> controlled room (4,6) <u>WINE CELLAR</u>. "whine seller"
- 23 Quick-tempered person to drop some bars (8)

 SPITFIRE. Double definition
- 24 <u>Dumpling</u> flipped sometime later (6) wonton. (NOT NOW) <

- 26 Medium chunk of limpsy chicken (7) PSYCHIC. Lipsy
- 27 Not working and making bread? (7) LOAFING. Double definition
- 28 Streetcar's last two paths head back from <u>depot</u>
 (7) ARSENAL. [streetc]AR + (LANES)<
- 29 Warm peat being dug into by that woman in retirement (7) PREHEAT. PEAT containing (HER)<

Down

- 1 Aware immediately following kitchen disaster cutting slice of chorizo (2,3,4) IN THE KNOW.

 (KIT[c]HEN)* + NOW
- 2 Part of Spooner's seaside wordplay (7) PORTION.

 "shore" = "pun"
- 3 Love a place for sex that is naughtiest on vacation with <u>submissive</u> (8) OBEDIENT. 0 + BED + IE + N[aughties]T
- 4 <u>Fishes'</u> endless slumber, upside down (4) EELS. (SLEE[p])<
- 5 Offended, worried, losing head... needing to slide in hot tub (10) TRESPASSED. [s]TRESSED containing SPA
- 6 Curse euphemistically at beginners for English cricket team's result (6) EFFECT. EFF + E[nglish]

 C[ricket] T[eam]
- 7 Bolted the wrong way, into sensei's extremely deficient trap (7) ENSNARE. (RAN)< inserted in [s]ENSE[i]
- 8 Slide obliquely! (5) SIDLE. (SLIDE)* (&lit)
- 13 Volatile coal price overwhelms leader of representatives on both sides (10) RECIPROCAL. (COAL PRICE)* containing R[epresentatives]
- 16 Torn asunder in battle for almost half a month (9) FORTNIGHT. (TORN)* inserted in FIGHT
- 17 Article featured in worldly French newspaper is something to make a stand for? (8) LEMONADE.

 LEMON(A)DE
- **19** After an expression of hesitation, in agreement with furious women? (7) **ERINYES.** ER + IN + YES
- 21 Top story interrupted the middle of bulletin from network (7) LATTICE. ATTIC inserted in [bul]LE[tin]
- 22 Originally, George Ho bored a groupie with knitting-project (6) AFGHAN. G[eorge] H[o] inserted in A
- 23 <u>Cuttlefish ink</u> (a couple of pigments) found in ocean (5) <u>SEPIA</u>. SE(PI[gments])A
- 25 Buddies heading upstairs for bash (4) SLAP. (PALS)<