As the unclued central phrase indicates, a number of answers are entered IN BLACK AND WHITE. All the black and white squares were already colored in (what, you didn’t notice the white ones?), so BLACK and WHITE were ignored in the wordplay of the appropriate entries.

ACROSS
TRASHY NEG G
HITHER E CVALE
EMM AWA HALE
S N R A M O N A A
CLINT O NED
A IDESMORALE
TGIN AND I H
THRUMS RICE
TOPASCALIA
FNOISEY TD
OTOOLEDATVS
OINPETAGERE
TEESRBR

DOWN
TH(E..[BLACK]..C)AT
AT + M...S
SHAN(N)E + N
HEAR(T)S
NEW MOON (anagram)
ECHO (Eco homophone)
GAL + A
[WHITE] L(E)AD
VAN + NA [WHITE] (an) reversal
[BLACK] fLIGHT
[BLACK] MA’S + S
fELICITY
I + R + ONON (no-no reversal)
[BLACK]MAIL + ER (full reversal)
DRAYAGE (anagram)
HE + ADS + E...T
[WHITE] CEDAR (anagram)
[BLACK]FOrqOT
[WHITE]-T + I.E.
O + OPS
[BLACK] sTEAk