Singleton class doesn't appear by ObjectSpace.each_object.

The following is reproducible code.

```ruby
class C
  class << self
    p [self, self.class]
    $c = self
  end
end

ObjectSpace.each_object(Class){|o|
  exit if $c == o
}
raise "#$c is not found!"
```

This is because internal_object_p in gc.c skips singleton classes.

```c
static int
internal_object_p(VALUE obj)
{
  RVALUE *p = (RVALUE *)obj;

  if (p->as.basic.flags) {
    switch (BUILTIN_TYPE(p)) {
      case T_NONE:
      case T_INEMO:
      case T_ICLASS:
      case T_NODE:
      case T_ZOMBIE:
        break;
      case T_CLASS:
        if (FL_TEST(p, FL_SINGLETON))
          break;
        default:
          if (!p->as.basic.klass) break;
          return 0;
    }
  }
  return 1;
}
```

Associated revisions

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History

#1 - 07/17/2015 05:45 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
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#2 - 07/17/2015 09:43 AM - Eregon (Benoit Daloze)
Koichi Sasada wrote:

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I guess the reason is exposing the last layer of singleton classes would expose "VM-internal singleton classes/metaclasses".
The documentation of rb_singleton_class explains it a bit.
But basically the VM needs the metaclass of any class exposed to the user, and exposing them would require another layer, which if exposed as well
would need another, etc.
Singleton classes which already have a metaclass could be iterated though.

#3 - 07/21/2015 03:04 PM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)
It was intentional, since in the old days singleton classes are merely internal data structure. After introdution of #singleton_class method, singleton
classes are objects visible to Ruby world. In that sense, now it's natural for them to be visible from #each_object.

Matz.

#4 - 07/21/2015 07:05 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset r51320.